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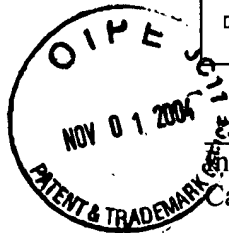
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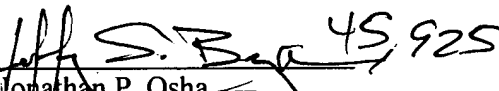
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hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 05516/089001. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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